

Good Morning.

My name is Dan Matthews.

25 years ago, President Reagan named March as National DD Awareness Month.

Nearly 9 years ago I started as an Advocate with the Client Advocacy Committee at Willoughby Workshop. The workshop is part of the Lake County Board of DD but I call it Deepwood.

As an Advocate, I have learned to speak up for myself and to speak up for others who cannot speak up for themselves. My friends on the Committee have been working on this for nearly 25 years.

I'm a Broadmoor school graduate. After graduation, I started working at Deepwood's CLEO program (now called CES). I learned to be a good worker and I really liked the jobs I've had.

Almost 9 years ago, I started working in the Willoughby Workshop. In the workshop, I keep busy with different jobs while working to be the best worker I can. I also have a lot of fun with my friends and the people who work with me.

I am proud to be here in Lake County. I am proud to be here at the Commissioners' Meeting. Thank you for supporting us. Thank you for helping us to spread the word during DD Awareness Month.

You should stop by and see what we do. My friends and I would love to show you around.

Thank you.